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PAUL S. RAGO, ET AL.

Application No.: 10/666,641

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HAIR DRYERS**

Art Group: 3749

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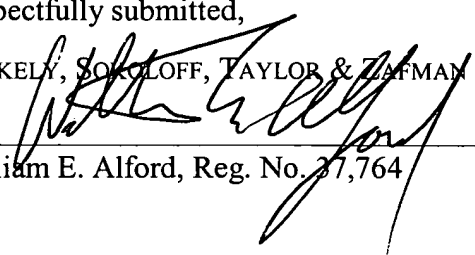
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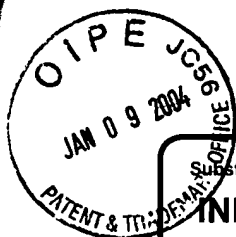
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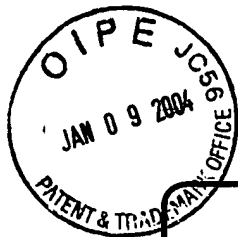
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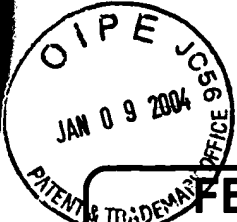
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